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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 98,162)

In re Application of:)
DeGendt, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/022,834) Group Art Unit: 1746
Filed: February 13, 1998) Examiner: Ahmed
For: METHOD FOR REMOVING ORGANIC)
CONTAMINANTS FROM A)
A SEMICONDUCTOR SURFACE)

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2001

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 7, 2001, please
enter the following remarks in the above-referenced patent application.

REMARKS

Claim Objections

In paragraph three of the Office Action, claim 42 was objected to under 37 C.F.R.
§1.75(c) as being in improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a
previous claim. The Office Action states that claim 42 fails to further limit the subject matter of
the previous claim (claim 41). Claim 41 recites the limitation "the proportion of said additive in

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